PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MI CHOICE WAITING LIST COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

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Section 1689: (1) Priority in enrolling additional persons in the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program shall be given to those who are currently residing in nursing homes or who are eligible to be admitted to a nursing home if they are not provided home- and community-based services. The department shall use screening and assessment procedures to assure that no additional Medicaid eligible persons are admitted to nursing homes who would be more appropriately served by the Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver program. (2) Within 30 days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the department shall provide a report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies that details existing and future allocations for the home- and community-based services waiver program by regions as well as the associated expenditures. The report shall include information regarding the net cost savings from moving individuals from a nursing home to the home- and community-based services waiver program, the number of individuals transitioned from nursing homes to the home- and community-based services program, the number of individuals on waiting lists by region for the program, and the amount of funds transferred during the fiscal quarter. The report shall also include the number of Medicaid individuals served and the number of days for the home- and community-based services waiver program and in nursing homes. (3) The department shall develop a system to collect and analyze information regarding individuals on the home- and community-based services waiver waiting list to identify the community supports they receive, including, but not limited to, adult home help, food stamps, and housing assistance services and to determine the extent to which these community supports help individuals remain in their home and avoid entry into a nursing home. The department shall provide a progress report on implementation to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on community health and the senate and house fiscal agencies by June 1, 2008.

